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TITLE: DEFROSTING METHODOLOGY FOR CO2 HEAT PUMP WATER HEATING SYSTEM

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DEFROSTING METHODOLOGY FOR CO2 HEAT PUMP WATER HEATING SYSTEM

BACKGROUND

The CO2 heat pump commercial water heating system utilizes a compressor, a gas cooler, an electronic expansion valve (EXV), and an evaporator with a fan to transfer heat energy from a low temperature energy reservoir to a high temperature energy sink. This transfer is achieved with the aid of electrical energy input at the compressor. A temperature difference between the outdoor air and the refrigerant drives the thermal energy transfer from the air to the working fluid as it passes through the evaporator. The fan continues to move fresh air across the evaporator surface, maintaining the temperature difference, and evaporating the refrigerant. If the surface temperature of the evaporator is below the dew-point temperature of the moist air stream, water will condense onto the fins. When the surface of the evaporator is below freezing, water droplets that condense on the surface can freeze. Frost crystals then grow from the frozen droplets and begin to block the airflow passage through the evaporator fins. The blockage increases the pressure drop through the evaporator, which reduces the airflow. As a result of the insulating effect of frost and blockage of airflow, the refrigerant temperature in the evaporator decreases, which ultimately causes degradation in the heat pump performance and reduction of the heating capacity. Eventually, a defrost cycle must be initiated.

INVENTION

The heat pump utilizes a switching valve to connect the compressor discharge to the EXV inlet to perform the defrost cycle, as shown in *Figure 1*. During the defrost cycle, the switching valve should be open to bypass the high temperature refrigerant from the compressor discharge to the EXV inlet. Water pump should be shut off to stop extracting heat from the CO2. The switching valve should be sized properly so that the pressure drop through the switching valve is much less than the gas cooler. Therefore, most of the refrigerant will be flowing through the switching valve to the EXV. The hot CO2 is then throttled by the EXV and sent to the evaporator. The high temperature refrigerant in the evaporator can heat the evaporator and eliminate the frost. During the defrost cycle, the EXV will be controlled to maximize the compressor power, thereby speeding up the defrosting process.

A pressure-enthalpy diagram is shown in *Figure 2* for a defrost cycle at one ambient condition.

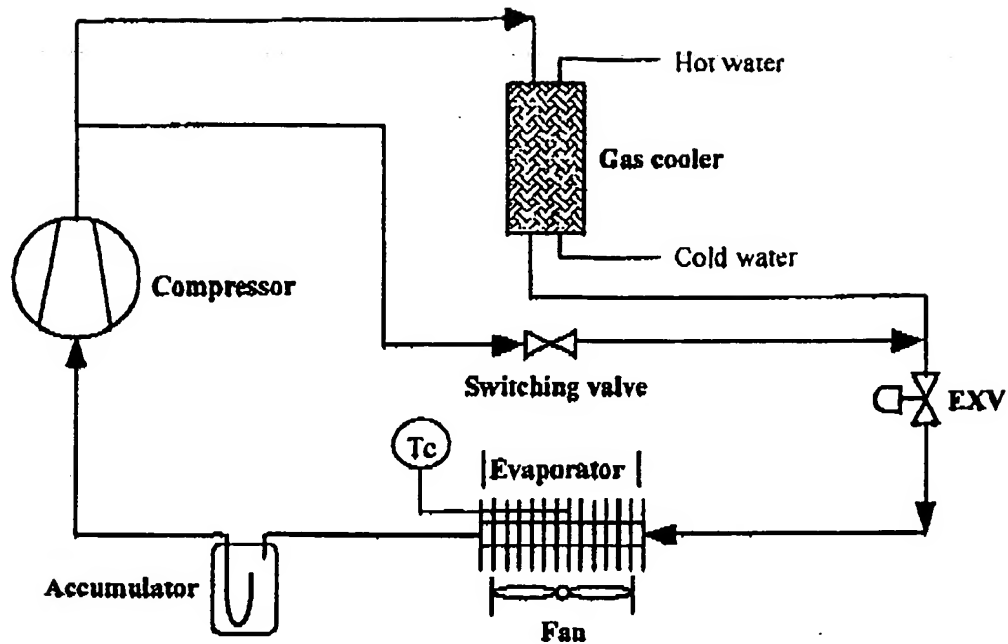


Figure 1 Schematic of the CO2 heat pump commercial water heating system

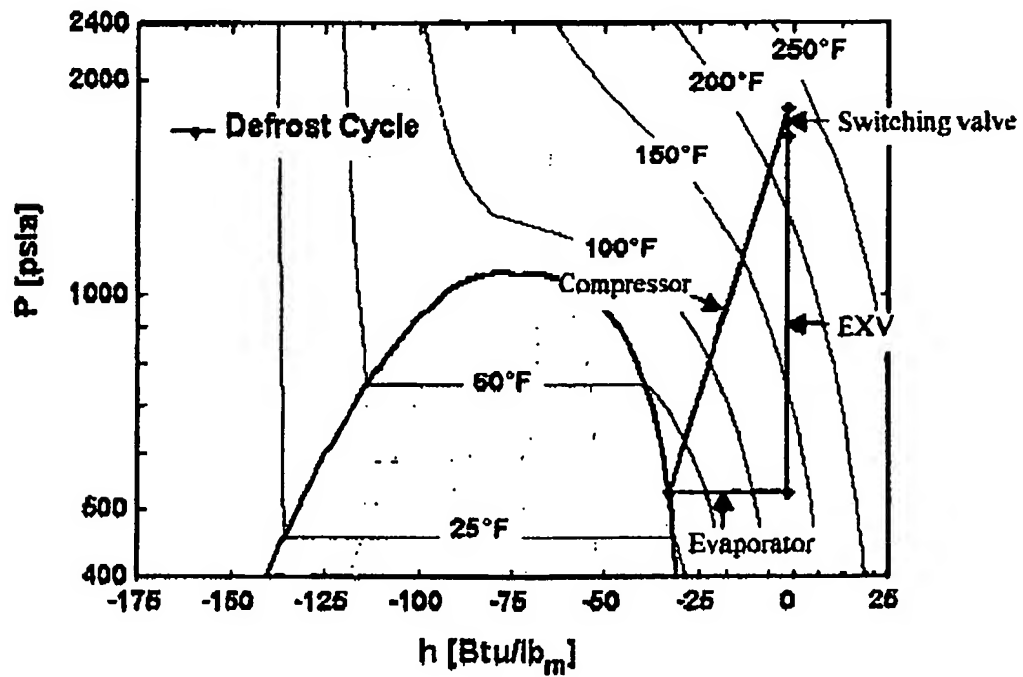



Figure 2 A pressure-enthalpy diagram of the CO2 heat pump defrost cycle


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